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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated November 12, 2011, the applicant(s) respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including (1) Exhibit A, and (2) Exhibit B is attached following page 12 of this paper.